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Unity LiveWire

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“Easy Does It”

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“First Things First”

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Santa Gets Sober

I am an alcoholic; my name is Nicholas. You can call me Nick for short. I always knew I was different from other kids in my neighborhood. See, I was born with this beard, and instead of having a dog like the other guys, I had reindeers for pets. Most kids like to get things, but I always gave, whatever I had. That made me happy and I hoped people would like me. My mother always told me, "Don't worry, someday people will look up to you."

But I was lonely, with no one to talk to except the reindeer. I had problems going to sleep at night when I was in high school, just tossing and turning and thinking about my future. That's when I discovered that a little glass of wine at night would help me sleep. Soon I was sleeping real good, but after a while I needed more than just a little glass; I needed a big glass to produce that blessed sleep.

Things continued like that for a while. I functioned fine during the day, but nights were a different story. That's when the wine took over.

During this time, I got a job, and I really, really liked it. I was helping this old guy deliver toys and presents on Christmas. This fit right in for me, because I always liked to give and now I could do it professionally, and people would like me more.

I didn't have a car or a truck but I could use that big old sleigh that was out back in the barn. I could even have my friends the reindeer pull it. I was sleeping better, so I stopped drinking at night. Everything was going great. I even met the Mrs. Her name is Sara -- what a wonderful woman.

She made cookies and candies for me to bring with the toys on Christmas. Life was great until the old man died. There went the job. But Sara said, "Why not continue? You do a good job, you know what you're doing." So I kept doing what I loved best -- delivering presents on Christmas.

But during the slow season I was bored, so I started hitting the eggnog and the fruitcake that Sara made (it had all that delicious brandy in it). Guess what? Sara started to change. She began to nag: "You never do things around the house anymore." She even had the nerve to hint that I was slightly intoxicated sometimes. I worked so hard, I figured I deserved all the enjoyment I could get. What harm could a little eggnog do, or a couple of brews with the local elves?

Then the reindeer began giving me trouble. They were annoyed because I had gotten lost one Christmas eve. It had nothing to do with the fact that I'd had several hot toddies during the trip. It was all that snow-- anyone would have gotten lost.

So I got myself a new reindeer to lead them, a guy with a bright red nose. He could set his radar and get us anywhere, and I could continue doing my thing with no problem.

That is, until one night I got pulled over by a state trooper. I told him who I was and he said, "Sure you are," and charged me with driving while intoxicated.

Things were getting most unpleasant. I was mixing up the toy lists. My wife wasn't talking to me. The reindeer weren't happy. My head hurt every morning. And I was having problems parking the sleigh on rooftops. I even tried the geographic cure -- we moved to the North Pole. But things didn't change.

Then one Christmas Eve, in my usual stupor, I parked sideways on this one roof and I had a terrible time getting down the chimney. In fact, I went headfirst, and now I really needed a drink. So when I got into this house, I started looking around for some booze. But there was nothing, just those rotten cookies and a glass of milk. How I hated the taste of milk by that time. Couldn't someone take pity on me and leave me a nice hot toddy with rum!

After all, it was so cold out there in the sleigh. I guess I was banging around and making too much noise, because I woke up this guy. He came downstairs and asked if he could help me. "Help me? Sure. Where do you keep the booze -- I need a drink." The guy said there wasn't any because he didn't drink. I wondered what kind of a person I was dealing with. He must be a real nut.

Then he started to tell me that he had drunk in the past but it caused him so many problems that he didn't drink anymore. I was interested in that. I wanted him to give me his magic formula and he said it was simple.

"I don't drink one day at a time." He also said, "I go to meetings, I keep it simple, I read the Big Book, I carry the message -- and that's how I stay sober."

At that point I was so sick and tired of being sick and tired, I was willing to try anything. I wasn't sure if there was a meeting at the North Pole, but this guy told me I could start one.

Before I left, the guy gave me a book which he referred to as the Big Book. This was my first present -- I had always been the giver and never let anyone give me anything. I asked him to write something in the book for me, and this is what he wrote:

Dear Nicholas,
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Bill W.

And that's how Santa got sober. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night

**Lorain
Industrial
Group**
Wednesday
8:00 PM

Lorain Senior Center
3361 Garfield Blvd.
1st Rick Purnell
8th Charlie Pitts
15th Ray Tomaczewski
22nd Carl Lowe
29th DJ Meiser

Tues. Night

Laporte
8:00 PM

Elyria Baptist Church
276 Washington Ave.
7th. Paul D.
14th. Melissa W.
21st. Mary
28th. Gino

Friday Nite

Haven
7:00 PM

Haven Center
1536 E. 30th St.,
Lorain
3rd Bob P.
10th Dawn S.
17th Naaman T.
24th Barbara M.
31st Cheryl W.

Elyria Men's

Stag
8:00 PM

United Church of Christ
Lake Ave. & Lowell
St., Elyria
6th Joe M.
13th Nick M.
20th Ray F.
27th Tim M.

Monday Night

Lorain
7:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.
6th Wendy C.
13th Judy S.
20th Rachel W.
27th Frankie B.

Amherst
Thursday

8:00 PM

255 Park Ave.,
Amherst
(the old post office)
2nd Ronda H.
9th Ken P.
16th DJ M.
23rd Ask A Basket
(panel of Home Group
Ronda H., Joe M. &
Ted E.)
30th Tim M.

St. Agnes

Thursday Night

8:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
1140 W. River Road,
Elyria
9th Kelly R.
16th Jesse M.
23rd John M.
30th Tonia

*HAPPY
HOLIDAYS*



Midnight Elyria

Group
12:00 AM

St. Mary's Church
4th & Middle Ave.
4th. Shawn M.
11th Paul
18th Bobby K.
25th Stacie S.
(dessert night)

Friday Night
Sobriety Group

8:00 PM

First Merit Bank
106 Center St.,
Lagrange
3rd Kelly Yost
10th Paul B.
17th Trisha
24th NO MEETING
31st NO MEETING

Fri. Night

Faith Group

11:00 PM

1741 N Ridge Rd.
Sheffield Village
3rd One topic discussion
10th Kim S.
17th Angel L.
24th Renee S.
31st NO MEETING

Friday Night

Amherst

7:30 PM

Church of the Nazarene
Cooper Foster Park Rd.
3rd Ray D.
10th Larry V.
17th Mke A.
24th Sober Alcoholic
31st Sober Alcoholic

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting: The Multi-District meeting is held at 11 AM on the 1st. Sunday of the month. This meeting is for the General Service Rep's. (G.S.R.) of each Group and the District Committee Member's (D.C.M.). If you want to learn more about service attend this meeting.

The Lorain Inter-Group Meeting is the 1st. Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. It is very Important that all the Secretaries of each Group attend this meeting. We urge your Attendance (Be Informed, Be Active)

Advisory Board Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month, at the Inter-Group Office.

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle

Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle: Just another way that you can Help support the Lorain Inter-Group. Buy a TICKET . Be A Winner. Last months Winner: Alan R. \$70.00 sold by Smiley Joe.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps,we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Promise 12:We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concepts 12: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. Tradition, taking care that it never becomes the perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions, vote, and,whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Please submit your groups' or personal anniversaries to the Livewire by the 25th of each month. Anniversaries will not be carried over to the next year for publication automatically.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*To submit information for the news letter please contact: Vicki T. 440 225-1314, Jim Parks 440 385-5687, Bobbi Matear 440 537-4280, Opal A. 440 670-6619, Donna L. 440 574-3464, Amy D. 440 714-7444, via: Call, email or leave the information at the Inter-Group Office before the 25th. of each month.

For information on Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous or Al-Anon meetings, please contact the Intergroup office at 440-246-1800.

2010 Children's Christmas Party
Schedule of events :

- Dec. 3 - dance at St. Anthony*
- Dec. 5 -pick up children's tickets after central office meeting*
- Dec. 5 -go to Sam's Club*
- Dec. 12-stocking stuffing 1:00 pm*
15704 Trinter, Vermilion, OH.
- Dec. 13-order pizza*
- Dec. 19-Christmas Party*
 - 9:00 am -15704 Trinter for transporting*
 - 10:00 am -set up at St. John's hall*
 - 12:00 pm-costume people at hall*
 - 1:00 pm-party starts*
 - 4:00 pm-clean up start*
 - 5:00 pm-transport stuff back to 15704 Trinter*

NOTICE: The Children's Christmas Party will not have pictures being taken with Santa this year. Please bring your camera if you want pictures. Thank you.

Monday Morning Live at the Arid Club would like to ask that people PLEASE not bring children to that meeting. It is a CLOSED meeting for alcoholics ONLY. No Children.

New Year's Eve Dance

St. Anthony's of Padua
Social Hall
1305 E. Erie Ave.
Lorain, OH

Doors Open 6:30pm
Dinner fom 7-9:00pm
Dance from 9:00pm-?
\$12 per person/\$20 per couple
Presale tickets only
Serving: Pork Loin, Stuffed Cabbage, & Chicken Breast
*****Live DJ**Door***
Prizes**50/50**Quick 50s**
For more info contact April
440-341-2975
Proceeds to clothe the children of Lorain County (LCCFS)

Meeting Notice:

Great Fact Group, Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 523 E. Broad St. & Winckles St., Elyria is now a Closed Discussion meeting.

• Dec. Anniversary •

- 2nd. James M. 2 yrs.
- 3rd. Bill P. 6 yrs.
- 3rd. Rachel W. 4 yrs.
- 8th Brian C. 3 yrs.
- 8th. Carlos V. 29 yrs.
- 11th. Barry W. 12 yrs.
- 12th. Debbie W. 12 yrs.
- 13th. Jason B. 2 yrs.
- 17th. Debi M. 2 yrs.
- 24th Ken L. 1 yr.
- 25th Stacie S. 1 yr.
- 25th. Barbara M. 7 yrs.
- 29th. Larry S. Sr. 21 yrs.

Phone Line Report:

Month of Nov. 2010

12 Step Calls.....	8
Sponsorship.....	2
Al-A-Non.....	10
Meeting Info.....	106
General Info.....	63
Phone Service.....	79
Total:.....	268

ARID Fellowship Club
Will be Open from Fri., Dec. 24th
at 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on
Sun. Dec. 26th
and
Will be Open from Fri., Dec. 31st
at 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on
Sun. Jan. 2nd
Food Donations
Appreciated Now through
the Holidays

Anniversary
• 31 years •
December 6th
Monday Night
Lorain
7:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church
5100 Ashland Ave.
Lead: Wendy Caldwell
• Door Prizes • Pizza •
• Cake •

Thought to Consider...I can't have a better tomorrow if I am thinking about yesterday all the time.

ARID Fellowship Club
New Year's Eve Dance
Tickets \$5.00 person/\$8.00 couple
Light Food for sale
Donations accepted and appreciated
For more info call
Kim 541-1840

Notice to All

The Lorain Intergroup Office is actively seeking new Advisory Board Members., especially from Vermilion, Lorain, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Wellington, Grafton or North Ridgeville areas of the county. Requirements are 3 years of continued sobriety, availability on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and 1st Sunday of the month for meetings, and a commitment to service. If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to Mark Potter (mep806@live.com) or contact any Advisory Board member.

Survivors List:

Groups in need of Support to stay afloat . Please Attend, Contribute, Be Active, Help Chair, Be a Secretary, Be Responsible

Tuesday Night Haven

7:00 p.m.

Friday Nite Haven

7:00 p.m.

Haven Center

1536 E. 30th St., Lorain

Sat. Young Person's Group

Sat. 2:00 PM

Monday Big Book Discussion

7:30 PM

Arid Club

1741 N.Ridge Rd.

Midnight Elyria Group

12:00 AM

St. Mary's Church

4th & Middle Ave.

Great Fact Group

Wed. 12:00 pm

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

523 E. Broad St. & Winckles St., Elyria

Sunday Living Life

5:30 PM

1730 Broadway JFK

Turning Point

Thursday 6-7:30 PM

Washington Ave.

Mon. Night Rainbow Group

7:30 PM

1st Lutheran Church

6th & Washington

We Need Your Help!!

Don't let them Close

HELP SUPPORT

THE GROUPS.

ATTENTION: Lorain County A.A. Community - help needed on various Committees! If interested, please contact one of the Advisory Board Members and VOLUNTEER!!!! Help Make A Difference!!!

Committee Chairs

Unity LiveWire Committee

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 Jim Parks.....440 385-5687
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Alan Revercomb440 541-2473

Archives Committee

Linda S.440 245-2928

Special Needs Committee

Yolanda A.....440 541-2216

Picnic Committee

Art C.....440 773-9474

Treatment Facilities Committee

Chairperson needed ___NEED VOLUNTEERS

Pig Roast Committee

Troy Smith.....440 365-9018

Memorial Day Breakfast Committee

Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464

Grapevine Committee

Linda S.440 245-2928
 Coretta Farley440 308-1714

District Committee

District 19A (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton DCM Ellen Winson.440 327-8812

**District 19B (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion)
 DCM. Yolanda A.440 541-2216**

**District 20A (All of Elyria City Meetings a Carlisle)
 DCM Patty McMullen.....440 365-3778
 Alt. DCM. Judy Sexton.440 322-2619**

**District 20B (All Meetings at ARID Club)
 DCM. Debbie McConnell.....440 277-0162**

**District 20C(LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Tnsp., Amherst, Henrietta Tnsp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Tnsp., Pittsfield Tnsp., Brighton Tnsp., Wellington Meetings)
 DCM. Patti Rodgers440-284-6677
 Alt DCM Donna Lawson.....440 574-3464**

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the Month of Sept. , 2010.

Rents:

Month of Oct. , 2010

1. Blue Monday
2. Friday Morning Survivor
3. Lorain Consolidated
4. Mid Week Morning discussion
5. Serenity Hall
6. Sharing Our Sobriety
7. Spanish American
8. Strength In Sobriety
9. Tuesday Night Central
10. Unity Hall Discussion

Expenses

1.Rent	\$650.00
2.Columbia Gas	\$193.00
3. All Service Telecommunications	\$152.03
4.Ohio Edison 710 Broadway	\$133.82
5. Time Warner	\$90.45
6. House Managers	\$1,504.61
7.Pay Cor Fees	\$64.29
8.Live Wire Printing	\$69.00
9. Berry Yellow Pages	\$20.05
10. Materials for Lighting	\$75.40
11. Plumbing Repair	\$75.00

\$3,027.65

Donations/Rents

By Week

1.....	\$113.75
2.....	\$1,124.96
3.....	\$597.55
4.....	\$366.58
5.....	\$397.40

\$2,600.24

Month of Oct. 2010

Donations/Rents	\$2,600.24
Coca Cola Sales	\$0.00
Total Income	<u>\$2,600.24</u>
Expenses	\$3,027.65

Total Loss Oct., 2010 (\$427.41)

When making Donations to the Lorain Inter-Group, Area 54, Multi-District, or the General Service Office in New York. PLEASE put your Groups General Service number on the Donation. You can find your Groups General Service number in the meeting schedule or on the internet at aaloraincounty.org under A.A. Meetings. Please put your Area & District numbers on the donation, it also helps to identify your Group. If you don't have a General Service number under your Groups information in the meeting schedule you can contact your District Committee person listed in the LiveWire to help you get registered.

Donations

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| 1. Amherst Saturday Group | 14. Friday Night Sobriety |
| 2. Anonymous | 15. Grafton Wednesday Night |
| 3. Back to Basics Discussion | 16. Lorain Inter-Group 50/50 Raffle |
| 4. Blue Monday | 17. Mid Week Morning discussion |
| 5. CBS Big Book Step Study | 18. Monday Night Lorain |
| 6. Compass Group | 19. North Ridgeville Men's |
| 7. Elyria Men's Stag | 20. Oberlin Breakfast Group |
| 8. Elyria New Way of Life | 21. Saturday Night Security |
| 9. Elyria Sunday Night Group | 22. Sheffield Lake Civic Center Group |
| 10. Elyria Women's Discussion | 23. Stepping Into Sobriety |
| 11. Friday Morning Survivor | 24. Strength In Sobriety |
| 12. Friday Night Amherst | 25. Vermilion 12 X 12 Discussion |
| 13. Friday Night Faith Group | 26. Vermilion Tuesday Night Group |

Board Of Directors

Chairperson	Troy Smith.....365-9018
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